

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the Claims as follows:

Claims 1 – 28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) A mat, said mat comprising a textile surface and an elastomer backing, said elastomer backing including elastomer crumbs, a binder, and a plurality of voids between the elastomer crumbs, wherein the backing has a density in the range 0.5 to 0.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and wherein the mat includes a rubber crumb border that extends beyond the periphery of the textile surface along at least two edges of the mat.
30. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the elastomer crumb is crumbed vulcanized rubber.
31. (New) A mat according to claim 30, wherein the rubber is nitrile rubber.
32. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the elastomer backing has a bulk density less than the solid density of the elastomer crumb material.
33. (New) A mat according to claim 32, wherein the elastomer backing has a bulk density in the range of 45% to 70% of the solid density of the elastomer crumb material.
34. (New) A mat according to claim 33, wherein the elastomer backing has a bulk density in the range of 55% to 70% of the solid density of elastomer crumb material.

35. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the backing has a density in the range  $0.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$  to  $0.9 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .
36. (New) A mat according to claim 29, characterized in that the elastomer backing exhibits a deformability, as measured by the test herein defined, of at least 14%.
37. (New) A mat according to claim 36, characterized in that the elastomer backing exhibits a deformability, as measured by the test herein defined, of between 14% and 50%.
38. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the elastomer backing exhibits a tear resistance strength of at least  $8 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .
39. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the backing has a thickness of at least 1 mm.
40. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the crumb size is less than 5 mm diameter.
41. (New) A mat according to claim 40, wherein the crumb size is substantially in the range of between 2 mm and 4 mm.
42. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the elastomer crumb backing includes at least 10% by weight powdered elastomer crumb.

43. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the binder is present at a level from 2% to 20%.
44. (New) A mat according to claim 43, in which the elastomer crumb backing includes less than 1% by weight of powdered elastomer crumb and the binder is present at a level from 2 to 12%.
45. (New) A mat according to claim 43, wherein the elastomer crumb backing includes at least 10% by weight of powdered elastomer crumb and the binder level lies in the range 9 to 10%, preferably about 14%.
46. (New) A mat according to claim 43, wherein the binder is a polyurethane MDI binder.
47. (New) A mat according to claim 46, wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of 4,4-methylene di-p-phenylene isocyanate polyurethane one- and two-component adhesives.
48. (New) A mat according to claim 47, wherein the binder is a solvent-free one-component polyurethane adhesive.
49. (New) A mat according to claim 43, wherein the binder is a hot melt binder.
50. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the backing includes powdered additives selected from the group consisting of anti-microbial additives, anti-flammability additives, pigments, and anti-static additives.

51. (New) The mat according to claim 29, wherein a crumb rubber border extends around the entire periphery of the mat.
52. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the unwashed textile surface has a sand retention value of at least 1000 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
53. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the textile surface is selected from the group consisting of a knitted textile, a woven textile, a non-woven textile, and a flocked substrate.
54. (New) A mat according to claim 29, wherein an edging strip is bonded to the elastomer backing adjacent at least one edge thereof.
55. (New) A mat according to claim 54, wherein the textile surface partially overlaps and is bonded to the edging strip.
56. (New) A mat according to claim 29, which is a floor mat.
57. (New) A mat according to claim 29, which is a table mat.
58. (New) A mat according to claim 29; which is a bar runner.